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Claim Listing:

1-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently amended) A method for modulating the immunostimulatory effect of an immunostimulatory oligonucleotide compound, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a 1',2'-dideoxyribose, C3-linker, Spacer 9, Spacer 18, 2-aminobutyl-1,3-propanediol linker, β-L-deoxynucleoside, 2'-O-propargyl-ribonucleoside, 3'-deoxynucleoside, or 2'-5' linkage.

26-38. (Cancelled)

- 39. (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a 1',2'-dideoxyribose.
- 40. (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a C3-linker.
- 41. (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a Spacer 9.
- 42. (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a Spacer 18.
- 43. (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a 2-aminobutyl-1,3-propanediol linker.
- 44. (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a β-L-deoxynucleoside.
- 45. (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a 2'-O-propargyl-ribonucleoside.

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46. (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a 3'-deoxynucleoside.

47. (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a 2'-5' linkage.